

A treatise.

Due and desire
Dooeth me require
So effectually

I can no lesse
Of gentilnesse
But graunt it willyngly.

Some payne to take
For desires sake
And herty assuraunce
With yncke and penne
The gentill Walshmenne
Their fame to aduance.

As shall insewe
Matter full trewe
By stozis euiedent
Of auctours olde
Bothe wyte and tolde
Famous and excellent

Trustyng in this
No man there is

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My

A commendacion

**My purpose will disdayne
If my reporte
Maie them comforte
I shalbe glad and fayne.**

**When I consider
And call together
To my remembraunce
The regaltee
The nobiltee
The redoubted puissaunce.**

**The high parentage
The fearce corage
The actes moste marciall
The princely fame
The worthe name
The bloud imperiall.**

**The ciuillitee
The vtillitee
The high magnificence
The policie**

The

Of welshmen

**The industrie
The noble aduertence**

Of there progenitours
Most mightie conquersours
The eniymes to Decline
Excelling farre
In strength of warre
That were befoze there tyme

Whose worthye fame
Inhauncid there name
As men of lustie corage
Like pzinces great
Kynghdomes to geat
For them and ther lynage

As noble byrte
In his persute
And acte triumphal
To his state
Kynghdomes gate
And made them Imperiall

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first

A treatise.

First to begynne
Their birthe their kynne
Their generacion
Then to conuoy
From noble Troy
The whole procreacion.

We must then loke
In the fifth boke
Of the antiquities
Where Berosus
And Isodorus
In their Ethimologies.

Affirmeth playne
As authours twayne
That after Noe his flood
The first famous kyng
In Egypte reynynge
Was called Osiris the good.

But yet Moles
In Genesis

Name th

Osiris first
ynge in E-
gypte the se-
cond sonne of
Noe.

A treatise:

Nameth hym Mizraim
A prince of fame
The first of name
That conquest did begynne.

By force of strengthe
He gate at lengthe
To his dominion
The worlde rounde
Except the grounde
Dewe vnto Babilon

Moste circumspecte
In this effecte
Accoumpte the nobles all
He was the furst
In Egypt iust
Emonges the people rurall.

With greate industrie
And labour of bodie
The plough there did inuent
To eare and sowe

a.b.

In

A commendacion

In countres lowe
Folens to pꝛeuent

To grasse and to plant
In places skante
Wynes most holsum & good
He taughte them playne
The barley grayne
To norishe the lustie bloud

In hys tyme before
They hadde no store
But acornes & leues grene
No other frute
For ther refute
Amonge them was ther sene

Till Olyris
Of hys goodnes
Applied bothe sence and mynd
In such distres
For ther redres
Some remedy to fynd

Auctors

Of welshmen

Auctors doth accorde
He went abrode
Hys vertues onely to shewe
In straunge regions
Whose affections
Toke place in yeres fewe

Fyrst to Verbarpe
A famose contrey
The people grosse & rude
Standyng in asfryke
Them did he seke
There blyndnes to exclude

Then to Almayne
He toke the playne
That kyndome to aduaunce
Wher in lyke wyse
He dyd practyse
All thing for their plesaunce

Then at the instaunce
Of the Italians

with

A treatise.

With mightie apparell
The cruell Titans
Put to vtteraunce
By fearcenes of battell

Full thortlie than
Doun to Tuscan
He went with all his men
To a citee strong
Large and long
Where he reigned yeres ten.

Called Uitarble
Thus laboured he
The people to conducte
From place to place
Of princely grace
Onely them to instructe.

Then into Grece
A countree fearce
A long the seas he went
Unto a prouince

Of

A commendacion

Bocas confesseth
Al so expresseth
How the people rurall
Changed Osiris
Into Sirapis
And so they dyd hym call

Aftermyng playne
Howe he certayne
In heuen was stallid
In suche maner wyse
After ther guyse
A God was he called

Labyn or Libus
Called great Hercules
The sonne of Sirappys
As auctours saythe
His fathers death
Reuengid shortly thys

Sent a despyaunce
To all the gyauntes

Through

Hercules or
Libus sonne
of Osiris.

A treatise.

Of greate excellence
With like famous intent.

As auctours do witnes
Named Pilloponnes
Where stode the strong citee
Called Argeos
Of noblenes
Haupng the souereintee.

Where he vnfayned
Famously reigned
XXXvii. yeris iust
Till at the last
The yeris gone past
To Egypt he had a lust.

Prepared home
Where cruell Typhon
As saith Diodorus
His brother vntrewe
By treason hym slewe
Of mynde malicious.

Bocas

Of welshmen

Throughtout the worldle route
Fyrst into Phenyce
Dyd he enterpryse
His enuyres to confounde

or To hys estate
That lande he gat
In maner inuincible
By wonderfull strenghte
Percyd it at lengthe
And made it diuisible

Then into phrygie
A prouynce myghtie
Wher he slewe Cipheus
A gyaunt stronge
Were it right or wronge
And gaue hym to Achus

Whiche he begate
Beyng associate
With a lady fayre & byghd
Called Dinphale

whiche

A treatise.

Whiche did preuaile
Moste pleasaunt in his sight.

From thence to Affricke
Fierce cruell and quicke
Of herte coragious
Slewe the Giaunt
Mightie and puissaunt
Named greate Atheus.

In token of fame
Altered that name
Then called barbarie
After Libus
Named it thus
The greate lande of Libie.

For a memoriall
By art naturall
He made a pillar strong
His conquest greate
Should not forgeate
The people there emong.

Then

Of welshmen

Then to Gaulceltike
Full princely lyke
His passage dyd he take
Wher great Jupiter
Dyd hym prefere
And moche there did him make

For more amitye
Gaue galathya
Apynceffe of highe astate
Hys deu ghter dere
To be hys fere
Suche honour ther he gate

Wher he was crouned
Whose fame reuoundyd
With galathys hys wyfe
In kyngdomes ferre
After that Jupiter
Had altered his lyfe

Then With hys armye
Into Italpe

b.i. hym

Of welshmen

Byn selfe dyd aduaunce
Brake mountaynes hys
By strengthe of Bodye
And myghtye ordynaunce

22 And wher the waye was
Haynouse to passe
And wonder difficill
Brake them downe right
By force of myght
Without taryng any while

¶ But entred by strengthe
Where he at lengthe
As Byrosus doth witnes
His enymies slewe
His force to renewe
Dartfully dyd them oppresse

22 Then downe he came
Unto Tuscan
The Tptans to subdewe
For malyce alone

De

A commendacion

Of cruell Typhon
Of treytors moſte vntrue

Wher for his ſake
Suche ſlaughter dyd make
His enemyes to confounde
That ther dolefull crye
Aboue the ſkye
To the heauens did abounde

Suche was his grace
With in ſhorte ſpace
They were all ouerthrowen
Cleane out of fame
As thoughe their name
Had neuer bene knownen

Thus this noble man
Wholy became
Poſſeſſor of Italy
Fully yeres ten
Where he reigned then
As A prince ſtronger & myghty
b. ii. Frome

A commendacion

Frome thense into spayne
Wher men dyd complayne
The great extorcion
Done by violence
Without resistance
In that famouse region

By gyauntes stronge
Whiche them amonge
The people dyd oppresse
Founde no refute
In ther persute
Therwooes then to redres

Wyll greate Hercules
Of hys gentilnes
With mooste manfull corage
Caine downe with spede
In tyme of nede
To a boyde ther outrage

Sought them about
Hauyng no doubt

Of

Of welshmen
Of their myghty pynsaunce:
Frome place to place
Dyd them inchace
By longe contynuaunce

¶ By knyghtly strengthe
Gate them at lengthe
Wher they myght not astert
As a pynce royall
He slewe them all
With a coragyouſc hert

¶ After whose death
Diodorus ſaythe
In hys Antiquyties
Who Lyſte to loke
In the. v. boke
That thys noble hercules

¶ Dyd there remayne
Tyll death certayne
Hys bodye dyd oppres
Wher he dothe lye

A commendacion

**Full sumtuoslye
As Auctors bere witnes**

**✧ His Sepulture
In such manere
Rayled was with pillers hye
That men myght se
Of euery degre
The place as they pas by**

**✧ And yet the same
In token of fame
Euermore for to encrease
Ys called thys daye
As Spanyardes saye
Gaades le Hercules**

**✧ After came Tustus
A prince ful famouse
Sonne to great hercules
As next heyre of bloud
Notable and good
Full of all gentilnes**

**Tustus sone
of Hercules.**

Whiche

Of welshmen

¶ Whiche in Italy
Reigned quyetly
Without let or dysturbaunce
Right welbeloued
No cause mouyd
Of hys misgouernaunce

Altheus son
of Tustus.

¶ Next Altheus
Sonne of Tustus
Of Italy was kinge
A Prince of renowne
With Scepter & crowne
All his tyme then lyuyng

Comboblaston
sonne of
blaston whiche
blaston
was sonne of
Altheus and
ded his father
liuyng

¶ Then Comboblaston
The sonne of Blaston
Whiche was sonne of Altheus
For his worthynes
And passing goodnes
Was made then Coritus

¶ Whiche was a name
Of worthie fame

Excela

A commendacion
As excellyng all other
As at that daye
As who wolde saye
A second Iuppter.

As Thys noble kynge
Kecorde of wytyng
By Electra hys wyfe
Had princes thre
Of noble degre
All bozne in hys lyfe

Dardanus þ
seconde sone
of Combo-
blaston buyl.
ded the Lyrte
of derdane

As The fyrst Iaseus
The nexte Dardanus
The thrd Armonya
Dardanus then
With all hys men
Wente in to phrigia

As A prouence stronge
Myghtie and Longe
Full of all pleasaunce
Stondyng in Asia

Called

Of welshmen

Called dardanya
Hys name onely to abaunce

His people and he
Rayled a Citie
With towres wonderfull hys
Wallid it aboute
Hauyng no doubt
Of any fozen enemye

When it was walled
Then was it called
Dardane after Dardanus
In all Asya
Or in phrygia
Was none halfe so famouse

This Citie playne
Was made certayne
The yere for to accompte
Of Moyles
A.C. doubtles
Xiiii. moze dyd A mounte

Next

A commendacion

Erictonius
sonne of dar-
danus.

Enext Dardanus
His sonne Erictonius
There toke possession
Of ryght enterpnyng
As Loꝝde & kinge
By dewe succession

Troos the
sonne of Eric-
tonius chaun-
ged the name
of dardane &
called it Troy

Then Troos the famousse
Sonne of Erictonius
Of all Phrygia was kyng
For myghtye puyssaunce
And greate aboundaunce
All other surmounting

Eusebius
Affirmyth vs
This kyng had sonnes thre
The fyrst Ilius
The next Asaracus
The thyrde as in degre

The yongest of al
Whiche men dyd call

Worthye

Of welshmen
Wozthy Ganymydes
Whom Tantalus
Most auericious
Of pitie all merciles

Falselye dyd persewe
A traytore vntrewe
With couetyseful replete
Toke monye and hire
His death to conspire
Of Jupiter kyng of Crete

Troos this famouss kyng
Sore Lamenting
This foule ingratitude
Of mortall hate
And soden debate
Keyssed a multitude

Of herte dolorus
Droue Tantalus
Oute of highe phrigie
Forcing hym at lenghe

By

A commendacion
By princely strength
Out of Baphlagie

22 Diodorus
Also Virosus
Affermeth verely
That Tantalus
Full vngracious
Dyed miserablye

22 For his offence
And vile pretence
So ofte tymes frequented
Poetes do sayn
That he cercayn
In hell shuld be tourmented

22 Wyth hunger and thirst
Hauyng a lust
Alwayes vnto hys meate
His belly emptie
With dysshes plentie
And yet nothyng coulde eate

In

Of welshmen

In drynke dyd swyme
A boue the Chynne
His body hote and drye
All was in waite
Non could he taste
Yet for thirst redy to die

Which doth shewe
In wordes fewe
And playnely doth vs tell
Howe he shulde Lye
With out mercy
In the depe lake of hell

When cruell Tantalus
Moste inpituous
Was brought to subiection
And that noble Troye
Dyd fully enioye
Tantalus possession

A kyng of highe phrygia
In all Asya

was

Of welshmen
Was none so myghtie a kinge
So muche redoubtid
So well assured
So muche honor increasing

His Citie playne
Called Dardaine
As auctours write and saye
Was called than
Of euery man
The great Citie of Troie

Only after his name
To increase his fame
As a prince most fortunate
The country aboute
Standyng in doubte
Obayed his noble estate

And thus was he
Of magnanimytie
Redoubted on euery side
None was so bouldre

Other

A comendacion

Other yonge or olde
His force that durst abide

Next this famous kinge
After insuweing
Was his sonne Ilius
He had a brother
Of father and mother
Namyd Maracus

Maracus the
yonger sonne
of Troos

Of full noble blodde
Famous and good
His sonne called was Capis
Stories dothe deuise
Capis Likewyse
Was father to Anchises

Capis sonne
of Maracus

Anchises sonne
of Capis.

Anchises was
Father to Eneas
As saint Augustie doth record
Who liste to loke
In the .xviii. boke
Called the Cite of God

Eneas sonne
of Anchises

Where

A comendacion

Where he endyteth
Playnly resiteth
The herde and dred full chaūce
Like as he fande
By se and Lande
Throughe fortunes ordinaūce

How he also
Went to appollo
To the Ile of Delphos
Whiche by miracle
At his Oracle
Shewed hym y whole purpos

Howe he shuld be
Of souereintye
Full notable increasing
And that his fate
Was predestinate
In Italy to be kyng

This Eneas
Graundfather was

Unto

Of welshmen

Unto noble young brute
As shall appere
Afterward here
The stocke the braunche & frut

From dardanus
As gaulfridus
The story dothe recompte
Whose regalite
In great Asie
All other did surmounte

Of Jupiters blood
Notable and good
Whose name was stellified
As poetes do fame
In heuen certayne
There to be deified

His inarciall warres
Surmounting the starres
Made hym celestiaall
After pagan guyse

c.i.

In

A commendacion
In suche maner wyse
With ther goddes to be coequal

¶ In Libie land
His temple did stand
Freate with gold pearle & stone
By deuine Oracle
His tabernacle
Made ther ful long ago

Of the femes
nyne sere by
Galathea,
whiche was
doughter to
greate Iuby-
ter of Gaulcel
till a wife to
Hercules and
mathere to
Cultus

¶ Of whose succession
By computacion
Of ther parentage
Perceauē maye ye
That welshmen be
Of the same stocke & lynage

¶ As stories olde
Bothe writen & toulde
Maketh relacion
Affirminge playne
The tyme the raigne
And the Cituacion

From

Of welchmen

From Jupiters lyne
Downe to declyne
To worthye Dardanus
Consequently
And finally
To noble Priamus

The laste kyng of Troy
Whose inward ioye
Was cleane disconsolate
When the grekes fell
By treason cruell
Appallid his estate

A digression
treating of
Destruction
of Troye

Heare to digresse
I must confesse
The wofull desolacion
Of noble Troye
The soden decaye
And newe transmutacion

The Greekes warres
Aboue the staires

f. ii.

Sur

Acomendacion

Surmounting in there pryde
Supposinge they myght
With cruell fight
The heuens to deuide

And thus they wrought
The story oute sought
As virgell do the witnes
A temple ther was
Sacred to pallas
The mightie great goddes

Made by craft entrayle
As it were deuinale
By heuenly influence
With in troy towne
To the high renowne
Of her magnificences

The grekes fraudulent
Of mynde violente
There treason to practise
Fayned a pretence

By

Of welshmen

By deuine incence
To make a sacrifys

I Byfoze pallas
In hope of grace
To please her deitie
Thus they conspired
And ofte desired
To entre the Citie

* The Trones iust
Did not mistrust
There fraudulent treason
Like there pretence
Gaue them licence
To make ther oblacion

And thus Clas
With gile and trcspas
As wolues raging wood
Hauyng Libertie
Within the Citie
Distroyed the noble blod

feare

A cōmendacion

Farre in the night
When that no wight
Ther treason did suspecte
The grekes vntrewe
Furthe did persue
To furnyshe ther effecte

Broke out at large
All in a rage
Their fury to declare
Fretynge for ire
With sworde and fire
Consumyd the Cite bare

¶ The Troians at rest
With paynes opprest
For watche feble and faynt
Nothing then knewe
What shuld ensewe
Of ther mortall constraynt

¶ Or they could wake
Ther Cite was take
Ther kyng cruelly slayne

Of welshmen

Ther Temples spoyled
Ther goddes defoyled
Ther houses bare & playne

*** Alas for pitie**
Full wooe is me
This story to beholde
When I aduerte
Ther soden smerte
It maketh my herte colde

o. Oh noble Hecto?
The chiefe protector
The Troians to defend
The veray loodsterre
In peace o? warre
Fo? manhode most to commend

Against whose might
No grekische knight
His person myght assure
With spere o? shilde
In Campe o? filde

C. iiii.

His

Of welchmen.

His stroke that might endure

Alas for payne
Yet was he slayne
By pretended treason
His death conspired
And longe desired
By faulie instigacion

For cruell Achylles
Of pitie marceles
Or he could well aduerte
His backe all bare
With a staffe square
Percyd his manfull herte

His helme unlaced
His cosse vnbraised
His shilde lyeng on the ground
As he did repaire
To take the Ayre
Gauc hym his uoxtall wounde
Oghe cruell grekes

Cursid

A cōmendacion

Cursid by your chekes
With all youre cursed treason
Sclaudered is youre name
To your eternall thaine
For youre abhominacion

And thou Achilles
Most wreche of wrechis
Prouers of mynd & will
Against all right
So fainouse a knight
With treason for to kill

Who will not assent
The death to lament
Of so princely a man
Which was doubtles
Of knighthod pereles
Accompte lithe þe worzde begā

As in Troys boke
Who list to loke
Shall se the surphisage

The

A commendacion

The magnanimitie
The nobilitie
Of him and his parentage

The imperiall blond
Most famous and good
Of nature Celestiall
As poetes do fayn
They came certayne
Of the Goddes immortall

¶ blynde
oulde they
crealed god
s for excel-
lence in feates
noblenesse

¶ They were declared
Whith goddes compared
Throughe ther magnificence
The truethe known well
Bicause they did excell
In pryncely excellence

¶ What shuld I write
Or further indite
This proces lamentable
The dolefull destres
The mortall heuines

Of

Ofwelshmen

Of Priamus most notable

¶ Of yet of Eccuba

Of wife Cassandra

Their importable payne

Of Polixena

The floure of Asia.

Which was so cruelly slayne

¶ Of lustie Troilus

Of yonge Dephebus

Of the blood fraternall

Paris or Helenus

A case most peteous

Of greekes slayne were thei al

¶ Of what should I saye

Of the grekes decaye

And mortall aduenture

Since that the ayre

In ther repayre

Turned darke & obscure

¶ Cruell Neptuneus

Roared

A commendacion
Wared contrarius
Dangerus to be holde
Colus a losfe
Raging full ofte
With stormes wete and colde

¶ Vulcanus then
Oute of his den
Forgid the thouders greate
With fire leuin
Downe from heauen
Unto Cerberus seate

¶ The goddes playne
Had such disdayne
At ther shamefull outrage
Of very despise
Them to acquite
Send such froward passage

¶ Ther shippes tossed
And all to frussed
By sturdy violence

Upon

Of welshmen

Upon rockes grounded
There people drowned
For all ther resistance

But nowe to procede
My purpose to spyed
Like as I furst begane
To showe the distent
And birthe excellent
Of the gentile Welshmen

After that Troy
Was brougte to decaye
By fortunes violence
And that ther was
As in that case
No helpe of resistaunce

But that the Cite
By greky she crueltye
Was consumed all bare
As I sayde fyrst
By treason vniust

The

A commendacion
The truth to declare

¶ Then the noble blood
Ancient and good
Of Priamus descent
By knyghtlye corage
Toke ther voyage
By sober aduise ment

To sundry regions
With ther prouisions
And marciall apparell
There states to renewe
Kyngdomes to subdew
Onely by force of Battell

As lustye yonge Franco
Whiche was also
The sonne of noble Hector
Sette meeres and bandes
In sondre landes
As kynge and Emperoure
First into hungary

With

Of welshmen
With his Chiualry
His stonderds displayeng
Then into fraunce
With his ordinaunce
His armye conuayng

Subdewd the Gaules
Brake towres & walles
Brought them to hys purpose
And for moze fame
Altered that name
And called them francos

But Galfridus
And Eusebius
Dothe playnly repozte
That faramundus
Sonne of Marconinus
That name did fyrst transpozte

As Affyrmyng playne
That he certayne
Beyng of the Troianes blood
In

A commendacion
In token of Loue
Did it remoue
And thus the mattier stood

Also Likewise Turcus
The sonne of Troilus
Entered phalso the lesse
As Antonius
And Entropius
Berith therto witnesse

Gate ther stronge piles
For all ther wiles
Ther castelles & ther towers
Slewe them certayne
In the filde playne
Like mightie conqueroures

Also Celenus
Sonne of Brianus
By manfull occacion
Within shorte space
The land of Trace

Brought

Of welshmen
Brought to subuersion

20 Noble Eneas
From Troy dyd pas
With myghtie prouisions
With speres and shildes
Perced the fildes
Of sundrie regions

By se and by lande
Dyuerse chauncys fande
Virgill dothe vs assure
By violente rage
Arryuid at Cartage
By soden aduenture

This shippes nere losse
Driven to that cost
By dyedfull violence
Wher Wido the Quene
Most goodly besene
Reioysed his presence
Then with his host

D. C. The

A commendacion
The countreys did cost
By prudent pollicye
In his defence
By highe prouidence
To the frontes of Italie

¶ Wher by hys manhood
And famous knighthood
After many strong battel
Slewe Turocelyne
In helpe of Latyne
One of the kinges of Itail

¶ For his worthynesse
He weddid doubtesse
The Doughter of Latinus
Called Lauina
Next after Chensa
The Doughter of Priamus

¶ As Sabellicus
And Eusebius
Afternith bothe playne

¶ Cha

Of welshmen.

That this is trewe
He had Iſſewe
Of theſe princeſſes twayne

Fiſt of Chenſa
Borne in Asia
Was his ſonne Aſtantis
Next in Italye
Successiueſe
Siluius Poſthumus

Brutus poſt
humus ſonne
of Cheneſe

Of whom is diſcendid
As is pretendid
By Titus Liuius
Who liſt to rede
The ſtory in dede
Of Brutus Albinus

Moſt noble brute
The ſeede, the frute
The name and language
The playne diſcent
The noriſhement

Brute ſonne
of Siluius
of whom deſ-
cendid the
king of Brit-
taine liſtally
vnto Cadwal-
lode

D. H. Of

A commendacion
Of the welshmens linage

Thus inaye ye se
That welshmen be
Of the blood imperiall
Of nature fre
Colyns in degre
To the goddes immortal

Of Jupiters lyne
Next to declyne
To worthie Dardanus
Consequentlie
And fynallye
To noble Priamus

Then to Eneas
Whiche father was
To Siluius posthumus
By computacion
Of his succession
Came most noble brutus
As sonne and heyre

Of welshmen

Of parson fayre
Wondre delyuer & light
Strong of bodye
As Hector hardie
In stele armyd bright

This noble brute
In his persute
And actes most martiall
Entred into grece
Subdued a pece
By his power imperiall

A kyng ther was
Named Pandras
A prince right excellens
Unto whose myght
Ther was no wight
To hym equiuolent

Having in servitude
A multitude
Of the Troians blood

D.iii. vii. M.

A commendacion
bitt. M. in numbre
For to incumbre
With them so sore it stood

For the deathe doubtles
Of Achilles
Accusid of that cryme
That they shulde be
Of one degre
Consenting at that tyme

For this story out sought
This were they brought
In thraldome and boudage
Dayly constraned
Mortally payned
By force of ther seruage

Till noble Brute
For ther refute
Full lyke a worthye knight
Deuisid at large
Them to discharge

For

Of welshmen

Foz all his cruell myght

22 Prefixid a daye
His strenghe to assaye
As fortune lyst to prouide
By battell stronge
Be it right oz wronge
The quarell to abyde

4 Wher kyng Pandras
Constrayned was
By knightlye violence
The felde to forsake
His parsonne take
Foz all his assistance

His Lordes distressid
His knightes repressid
With many mortall wound
His standerds displayed
Cut and arayed
Beaten vnto the harde ground
22 And thus Pandras

D. liti.

Con.

A commendacion

**Constrayned was
Of Brute to seke his peace
Gave gooddes and treasure
Out of all measure
His fauoure to increase**

**Whis loue more to wynde
Gave faire Genogynne
His doughter to him most dere
Unto his wife
Whiche in her lyfe
As in stories doth appere**

**Whad sonnes thre
Of noble degre
All kinges of worthie fame
As Antonius
And Eutropius
Affirmeth bothe the same**

**The fyrst Lotrinus
Then Albanactus
The thyrd Cäbze named was
Whiche**

Ofwelshmen
Whiche by Election
For his porcion
Into wales did pas

Cambre
his sonne
Kinge of w
lys

To the encrese of fame
After his owne name
Called it Cambria
But now by vsage
Of corrupte language
Rained is wallia

As moze playnely
And effectually
Hereafter shall appere
But fyrst to discus
Of noble Brutus
The story and manere

After that Pandrag
Restord was
To his former estate
His peace assured
His kingdome receaued

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A commendation

He thought hym fortunate

As Brute in like wise

It did suffice

His fury to asswage

The Troians tre

From Captiuite

Thraldome and bondage

The lande he forsoke

The sees he then toke

With his shippes long & large

Storid with treasure

Out of all measure

By force of their pillage

Then furthe he sayled

Greatlie preuayled

By helpe of Neptuneus

Suche was his grace

With in shorte space

Passid the sees dangerous

Landed at Totnesse

Like

Dwellers

Like as the goddesse
Diana had promised
Predestinate
To his estate
This land holy comysed

Within this region
Called Albion
Wher Gyautes did dwell
As I do finde
Of Cerberus kinde
Fierce odious and cruell

Engendred they weare
By sprites of the ayre
Or by some syndes infernall
So terryble
So horryble
Were they of nature all

For all ther stature
Or dredfull figure
Brute nothyng abasshed

By

A commendacion
By furiously strengthe
Slewe them at lengthe
And thys land possessed

As storyes olde
Bothe write and toulde
Recomptith moze at large
Who list to loke
Gaulfridus boke
Shall se the surplusage

20 This shall suffice
The sage and wyle
To haue in memorte
Thinges so farre past
It were in wast
A gayne to specyfis

Then to remembre
Yong lusty Cambze
Whom Brute to wales did sed
Ther to remaine
As soueraygne

Thai

Of welshmen
That contre to defend

Of whose succession
By computacion
Of storicis euidente
Remyanith the blood
Most notable and good
Euen nowe this tyne present

Neuer was it myxed
Neither yet altered
With any straunge nacion
Neither foreyne kyng
By might vsurping
Therof had possession

The Romaynes great
Whose power dyd threas
The worlde vniuersall
Might neuer them wyn
By craft or engyn
To ther estate royall
Neither Saxon nor Dane

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A commendacion

Noꝝ yet foren name
Night their force declyned
With in Cambyses land
The Brutes to withstand
By marciall discipline

Yet moze to their fame
Ther blood ther name
Ther contre ther language
Does neuer mixid
Nether yet possessid
With any straunge parentage

A further to declare
I dare compare
Foꝝ ther perfeccion
Euen as who saith
Foꝝ the trewe fayth
Of Cristes relygion

For lengthe of tyme
Did neuer declyne
To infidelite

But

Of welshmen

But constaunt and sure
Alway in bre
Syth the tyme of Lucy

¶ The fyrst Cristen kyng
In britayne reynyng
The percs for to accompts
A. D. thze hundred
Lxx. full nombred
L: moze did amounte

¶ Syth they began
To be Chrystian
In the tyme of Elentherius
Whiche dyd electe
Byshoppes in effecte
By consent of Lucius

¶ Thus they assured
Long haue endured
By deuine prouidencs
Nether infectid
Nether suspected

Of

**A commendacion
Of corrupte conscience**

Ther sayth to forsake
But Chyist to take
For a full satisfaction
As scripture sayth
Firmely by fayth
Of his blessed passion

And thus the noble byrtes
Receaved the frutes
Of ther perfection
In tyme longe past
Ryght ferme and fast
Without mutacion

CCCCC. yeris playnd
XXX. and twayne
The tyme fully accompting
Were they Cristenyd
Surely stablyshid
Before saynt Austyns coming
This story tried
Canno

Of welshmen

Cannot be denied
With all the circumstaunce
The ghostly liuing
Playnly conferryng
To goddes highe ordinaunce

¶ Sythen Lucis tyme
Did neuer declyne
From ther intellygence
As in this case
Suche is ther grace
By goddes highe prouidence

¶ Likewyse syth Brute
Did institute
Cambze fyrst into wales
Ther to remayne
In roughe and playne
Among moūtaynes & vales

¶ Yet vnto this daye
Perceyue ye maye
Thesame stocke & lynage

e.i.

Of

A commendacion
Of one dissent
This is euident
Without thraldom & bondage

Wholy possessid
Neuer repressid
By knightly violence
Cuntre or name
Neuer toke shame
They be of suche excellence

With e so noble men
From Troy as then
Of blod are descendid
We thinke of truthe
Ther lustie yowthe
Dought to be comendid

Then reason wolde
Surely I shulde
Ther honor aduaunce
My selfe prepare
Matter to declare

Of

Of welshmen
Of ther princly ordinaunce

Was Titus Liuius
And Eutropius
Affirmyth to be trewe
That noble Belyn
Honor to wyn
The Romaynes did persewe

When Lucius
And Cinilius
Were consules of honour
Also Camillus
Ramyd furius
Was of rome dictatour

Then noble belyn
The Citie to wyn
With standertes displayed
Like Harse for myght
In stele armyd bryght
His byttons conuayd
About the towne

e.ii. With the

A commendacion
With suche renoune
And knightly ordinaunce
That the Romaynes playne
That daye were slayne
For all the myghtie puyssaunce

The felde forlaken
The Senatours taken
Spoyled of ther araye
Like Goddes for riches
So greate excesse
Had they of them that daye

The Citie oppressed
Ther goodes distressed
The Romaynes infortunate
This noble Belyn
Honor to wyne
Upon them was Lauriate

This was in the yere
As dothe appeare
By playne description

The

Of welshmen

Thye hundrid thye scoze
Puttyng to fyue mooze
After Romes fondacyon

In contynent then
This noble Bzen
His fame moze to aduaunce
Into Gallacia
And Macedonia
He toke his chaunce

Also to Galetcs
Where he slewe Sostes
Ther Prince and gouernoure
Thus of þe Grekees
In spite of their Chekes
He became a conquerour

Then furthe he went
With his army bent
To the mounte Pzonasus
To a Temple large
Standing vpon a stage

e.iii

As

A commendacion
As writith polycarpus

CSacrede to Appolyn
As clarkes Determyne
Ramyd also delphicus
Spoylid his riches
To his great increse
Made him full glozrus

CWith whiche abundaunce
And mighti substaunce
Full lyke a famous knight
Ravlid Cities olde
Feble and colde
Rupnous in all mennes sight

As Mediolana
And Pavia
In the fruntcs of Lombardy
Likewyse verona
Standing in Gallia
With towres pleasaunt & hye
Cremona

Man

Of welchmen

Samson

Mantua
Also Burganum
And Vincencia
The Citie Siena
With the Citie Conum

Thus Titus Liuius
Blaynly doth discus
A Romayne of greate fame
As Polycarpus
And Eutropius
Affirme both the same

Thus of the blood
Notable and good
I coulde worthly expresse
Kinges of renowne
With Sceptre and crowne
A great nomber doubtlesse

As noble Arthure
The cheiffe victour
Prouid at all assayes

c.iiii.

Whose

A commendacion

Whose Marciall knightes
Quenchid the Lightes
Of all other in those dayes

The Romaynes can tell
Howe it befell
In the tyme of Lucius
Ther Emperoure slayne
With many a Proud Romaine
The britons victorius

Also in Fraunce
Froll had Like chaunce
Whiche was so good a knight
To death was Wounded
His people confounded
Onli throughe Arthurs might

Also Denabus
Great and monstruous
Whose power none might with
Arthure hym slewe (stand
His foze to renewe
Fought

Offwelshmen
Fought with hym hand to had

Like wise the Saxons
Whose exacciones
He myght no wyse abide
Ther cruell rage
For to asswage
Manfully he dyd prouide

Twelue battelles stronge
He had them amonge
Like a famous champion
By strength imperiall
He was victore of all
Brought them to subiection

Auctores do expresse
Bering full wyttncsse
Of his magnificence
With his owne hand
Their might to withstande
Of knightly excellence
Slewe in one daye

e.v. Bre

A commendacion

Brekynge ther arraye
Two hundrid & fourtye Just
Throughe his manfull myght
Constrayned were ryght
In his mercy to trust!

Accompte also
Noble Malgo
The sonne of Dame nature
Whose Angelicke face
For beutic was
Like an heuenly creature.

That man and beast
Gladly wold rest
Also Bizdes in the ayre
His face to beholde
As it was toulde
He was so passing fayre

Ther was no kyng
Of natures formynge
To his equiuolent

So

Oftwelshmen
So strong of body
So fearce and hardy
In armes so excellent

AThe Saxones cruell
With many sore batell
Did him right soze inchace
But yet ther rigour
His princely honore
Myght neuer deface

AThe magnanymytie
The nobilite
Of this most princely name
Auctors dothe expres
The Isles orcades
To Brytayne furst he wan

ANow to Cadwalader
To furnyshe my matter
That famose worthy king
The last of dyscent

Cadwalader
the last kynge
of Brytayne
kinage

A commendacion
A Prince Excellent
Ouer the Britones raynyng

C Fabian dothe write
And playnly resite
His actes ryght glozious
Affirming them trewe
Howe that he slewe
A king called Lotharius

Whiche was king of kente
That tyme present
By marciall dyscipline
And afterwarde
With strokes harde
The mattier to determyne

Edericus his brother
It was noon other
By force was lykwyse slayne
Helpe or redresse
Was none doubtlesse
Yet were thei kinges both twaine
Also

Of welshmen

Also Athelwold
Manfull and bould
Which was of Sowthsexking
Thought hym full sure
Hable to indure
His batell conueyng

Agaynst Cadwaladre
Of inwarde displeasure
Hatred and cruelnes
Mette in the felde
With speare and shilde
Of very wilfulnes

Athelwolde that daie
Who euer sayd naye
With many mortall wounde
Lay ded and slayne
The Saxones playne
Beaten downe to the ground

The Brites victoriouse
The Saxones tymerouse

The

A commendacion

The felde durst not abide
For dread and feare
Fled here and there
Abode on euery side

Thus Cadwalader
The reuenger
Of ther ambition
Brought them full lowe
Ther faultes to knowe
Under his sublection

Also Galfribus
Blaynly dothe discus
Affirinyng moze at large
Howe that the Saxones
By compositions
Of all ther baronage

Helde of Cadwaladre
As of ther gouernoure
By waye of loue and finage
Like their degrees

Of welshmen
By giftes and fees
As of his patronage

And This princely manne
This Christian
This worthy famous king
Stories doth recompte
He did surmounte
All other Liuing

To whome god aboue
In token of loue
Made demonstracion
By his Angell playne
That he certayne
Shulde leaue his region

Suche mortalite
Suche aduersitie
Suche plagues of pestilence
Suche infeccion
Suche corrupcion
By heuenly influence

That

A commendacion

That tyme ther was
That he Alas
Of force was constrayned
With wofull herte
Must nedes departe
His subiectes were so payned

Frutes vpon the grounde
None coulde be founde
In helpe of their redresse
The Earthe all bare
The people in care
Sorrowe and heuinesse

When The Brutes expelled
No lenger dwelled
With in this region
The Saxones playne
Did it attayne
For them and ther succession

No resistance
Nether yet defence

Of welshmen

Of the Brutes was ther made
A waye they wente
By one assent
Euen as the Angell bade

Without comforte
As men a noyte
Lackynge consolacion
Hauynge no lust
But onlye a trust
Of their expectacion

In the prophesy
Whiche did specifye
The holy translacon
Of Cadwaladre
Frome Rome hidre
By Sanctification

That when his bones
Were translated ones
In to this region
Then shulde the Brutes

l.i. Ro.

A commendacion
Receauc ther frutes
And fyrst possessyon

¶ This did the Angell
Graciously tell
In ther wofull distres
That his noble blode
Auncyent and good
Shuld reuiue in his successe

¶ Whichc shulde restore
To them moche moze
Of consolacion
By specialt grace
Than euer was
Of ther succession

¶ This noble king
Goddes will perceiuing
Called his sonne Juory
Likewi se send for
His cosen Juor
Resityng these wordes on hys
¶ Take heare he sayde

Of welshmen

**Be not dyslnaide
My folkes & my nauye
Passe ye into wales
Amonge hilles & vales
Be ye lordes of that contrye**

**¶ Se that no wronge
Come them cmonge
For lacke of nobilitie
And that the Saxones
By false compaccions
Woꝝke no dishonestie**

**¶ Agaynst the Brutes
To hurte the frutes
Of their fidelitie
Be constaunte and sure
Manfully indure
Your owne regalytie**

**¶ These woꝝdes ones past
His eyes he cast
Sayeng loꝝde thy will be done
f.ii. By**

A commendacion

In Earthe vs by
As in heuen hye
Farre surmounting the sonne

Whose deuine powte
Is gouernoure
Of all creatid thinges
Be it visibie
Or inuisibie
It is thy hande workynges

And nowe good Lorde
I will accorde
Thy pleasure to fulfyll
This lande forsake
A newe to take
Sythe it is thy will

The wordes once sayde
Meekely he obeyed
Of mynd will and consent
With a benynge loke
His leaue he toke

And

Of welshmen

And so to Roine he went

In wherein shorte space
God of his grace
By his eternall myght
His solle magnyfied
Also sanctified
To his celestiaall syght

Howe to accomplyshe
Also to furny she
My mynd and intencion
Ye haue harde tell
Howe the Angell
Made demonstration

Ther shulde a king
Flozyshe and spzyng
Of the same succession
By sentence deuine
Of Cadwaladers lyne
In the fourth generacyon
Whiche

Recommendacion

Whiche shulde restore
Things past befoze
By his magnificence
And for his fame
Men shuld hym name
The prince of excellence

Whose wisdom clere
Shuld so apere
Throughe euery regyon
Men shulde hym call
For gyftes naturall
The leconde Salomon

To verifye
This mystery
With stories euident
Nature declareth
The dede compareth
All thinges equiuolente

The Last famose king
Ouer vs raignyng

Named

Of welshmen

Dauid the scuynth henry
Was euen the same
Whose princely name
Was had in suche memory

Henry 8th of
of Cadwalader
line right
full king of
Britayne cal
led England

Predestinate
And animate
By heuenly influence
For to fulfyll
The deuine will
Of the highe magnificence

Yet in his youth
Of very trueth
Flourishing in yeres grene
In most cruell wyse
His mortall enuyes
As it was playnely sene

Did hym perswe
With treason vnttrue
Fraudulently inuented
Gave monye and hyre

f. iiii.

His

A cōmendacion
His death to conspire
If fortune had consented

22 Supposyng therby
The prophesy
Cleane to extermynate
As god aboue
They wolde remoue
His woꝝkes to violate

22 Was not his grace
As in this case
In wonderfull daunger
When they conspired
And fully desired
The ayde of euery straunger

¶ Out in Exile
Alacke the while
Sōdrie waics were outfought
His lief vncertayne
Beynge in Brytayne
Wher the treaso was wrought
What

Of welthmen

**What conspiracion
What cured treason
Of who can breuyate
Whiche God aboue
Of his deuine loue
Listithe to anymate**

**This noble Prince
For to conuince
Passid ther raged myght
God wolde in nowyse
Ther false interpyse
Shuld deprive his priceli right**

**As dyd appere
The storie clere
Of this most princely man
With spere and shilde
As Bosworthe filde
The honour there he wan**

**Kynge Riched slayne
And he certayne**

•b. The

A commendacion

**The filde hathe receaued
Thus god aboue
Of very loue
His kingdom hathe assured**

**For of his lyne
This present tyme
A kyng is discendid
With septer and croune
In Citie and towne
Most highly commendid**

Henry 8. viii.
sonne of Hen-
ry 8. viii. kyng
of England, i
whom is ful-
fillid the mis-
tery of Lad-
da laders
translation

**I meane pardy
Most noble Henry
Called theight of that name
Whose gyftes naturall
A boue pꝛinces all
Bereth awaye the fame**

**Who can magnifye
Or yet berefye
His condigne worthynes
His ainitye**

Oftwelchmen

Liberalitie

And bountifull goodnes

**I In all affectes
To his subiectes
Most graciously & kinde
In ther defence
With his expence
Redie of herte and mynd**

**Oh famous Troy
Reioyce this daye
Most fortunate and good
All ye that be
As in degree
Extracte of the same blood**

**Geue landes on hye
To god most myghtie
Whiche hathe resustitate
So noble a king
Poure hertes exityng
As men most fortunate**

For

A commendacion

For this is he
ye inaye well se
Whose bones are translated
By sentence deupne
Frome Rome this tyme
Newly seperated

Accordingly
As the prophesy
Afore had expressed
When Cadwaladers bones
Translated were ones
All thinges shalde be redressed

God of his grace
As in this case
Hathe made a seperacion
Betwene Rome & vs
Whose dedes monsterus
Were abhomygnacion

Ther great abuses
And long mysbes

Ther

Cadwalader
bones trans-
lated by sepe-
racion by tyme
as Rome & vs

Of welshmen

Their folie and their pride
The deception
The collusion
Dure kyng myght not abyde

Ye knowe full well
I nede not tell
The greate exactions
Nor howe they wroughte
Kingdomes to haue broughte
Under ther Subiections

Nether to debate
The mortall hate
Whiche they haue conspired
In especiall
To be Lordes of all
Wrongfully haue desired

Pretending doubteles
Muche holynes
By sentence Angelicall
To speake as the crede

yet

A commendacion
Yet were they in dede
Very fendes infernall

¶ There lawes preferring
As concernyng
The papall iurisdiction
Whose vsurped power
Wolde be gouernoure
Of euery region

¶ A boue king or pynce
Their myght to conuince
If they wolde not obaye
With Curses grcate
They would them threate
Ther honor to decaye

¶ But god most iust
As I layde fyrst
Hath made a seperacion
Geuing oure king
Grace and learning
To pferre his relygion

And

Of welshmen

And not to trust
In bayne hope and luste
Of mannes tradicions
As thoughe they myght
In heuen of right
Make ther condicions

To saue oꝝ spill
What solle they wyl
Without exception
As they were deuine
At season and tyme
By meane of ther pardones

Suche thinges abusid
Dughte to be refusid
By deuine ordinaunce
And not to trust
In thinges vntust
Wher is non assuraunce

Ther is but one
To god alone

That

A commendacion

That is appropriate
Synnes to remeue
Pardon to gyue
And sowles to anymate

Tradicions papall
Hath broughte vs all
Almost to subuercyon
Hauing more trust
In thynges vniust
Then in Cristes passion

But god aboue
In token of loue
Hathe vs reconciled
As it befell
In Israell
When the lawes were cōmpled

To Josia
Whiche of Judea
Was king and gouernoure
As in this case

Of welshmen

Of speciall grace
Stode i goddes highe fauoure

✥ Because he wolde
No bodie schulde
Do vniust reuerence
To stocke oz stone
But in god alone
To haue all confidence

☞ He sende through out
Israell aboute
Goddes Lawes to magnyfie
In espectall
Commaunding all
To beware of idolatrye

☞ Likewise it was
When Ezecchias
The worthye famous king
Of pure intent
The Brasen serpent
The people deluding
☞ Unto the ground

g. i.

Made

A commendacion

Made hym rebounde
In peces great & small
Breake the hyl aulter
Of ther forefathers
With theyr foule Idoles all

¶ Euen from iudea
Unto Aza
The Philystines lande
Nothing wolde suffer
To goddes displeasure
To be grauen oꝛ stande

¶ Whose constancy
God most mightie
Had in remembraunce
Send his Angell
In his quarell
Agaynst the Assirpans

¶ By his deuine might
He flewe in one night
C.lxxx.thousand & fyue
From Iudea

Unto

Of welshmen

Unto Assyria

The rest home he diddriue

¶ Like wise oure kinge
His herte referring
To goddes highe prouidence
Suche thinges abusid
Hathc nowe confused
By heuently influence

¶ Whiche had infected
And sore detected
Christes relygion
By shrining of bones
And kneeling to stones
Made by mannes inuencion

¶ Magnyfieng them
Whiche were mortall men
Of nature terrestriall
With like reuerence
And confidence
As to god Celestiall
Whose golden shrines

g.ii. Cric

A commendacion

Trycked with vines
Most curiously wroughte
With pardones plentie
Made purses emptie
In sondrie places sought

Suche Idoles greate
So richely freate
With golde pearle & stone
Lifte bp on hye
To magnifye
As it were god alone

Oure Josias
Oure Ezechias
By permyssion deuine
In this effecte
Most circumspecte
Beholdyng this present tyme

Hath brought to passe
Like as it was
In tyme of Isarell
Trusting in one

An

Of welshmen

**In god alone
According to the gospels**

**For sacrifice
In such a wise
To god onely is due
There is no other
Faith to recover
But only throughe Iesu**

**O Lorde oure god
Withdraue thy rodde
Correcte vs not in thy Ire
By thou petious
Lorde vnto vs
We humbly the desire**

**Thy eares inclyne
This present tyme
Harken to oure clamoure
As it befell
In Israell
In the tyme of ther doloure
Be mercyfull Lorde**

Recommendacion

Let pyttie accorde
With thy bountifull grace
Oure sinnes remeue
Pardon forgiue
Oure folie and trespasse

To magnifie
Suche Idolatrie
Lord we knowledg oure offence
Agaynst thy lawe
For to withdrawe
Frome thy magnificence

Which To haue a trust
Or yet a lust
In any grauen picture
Whiche thou defendest
Also commaundyst
To bowe to no figure

Which This lord most mightie
We knowe alluredly
By thy deuyne insence
To the detritie

Of welcomen

Of thy māgestie
Belongith all reuerence

As concerning
The true meaning
Of oure saluacion
Ther is but one
That suffered alone
For oure redemption

Oure inwarde fayth
As saynt Paule sayth
Shuld be in Christ Jesu
Let this be graued
We are not sauid
But onlpe by his vertue

Nether yet rectified
By sayntes sanctified
In any maner case
Saue ther good liuing
Example geuing
To folowe the same trace
Of trueth our techers
g.iii. Also

Recommendacion

Also oure preachers
Which were in tyme long past
Toke full great payne
And all in vayne
Ther labouze spent in wast

CLeuing the epistell
Also the gospel
Most Euangelicall
Treting of pardones
With inuencions
And Cerimones papall

But ourc famouse king
Right well perseuing
The great ingratitude
The sencis pure
Of holy Scripture
Hyd from the multitude

For oure redres
Of his goodnes
With most princely corage
Hath deuised

Also

Swelshmen

Also comysed
Dure conscience to discharge

Set out at long
Dure bulger tong
The scripture for to knowe
The seed the grayne
The verite playne
Dure fayth only to showe

It is consonant
Not repugnaunt
To goddes deuine ordinaunce
But allmen shulde
Who euer wolde
For ther owne assuraunce

Labour the scripture
His lyfe to assure
The comaundementes to kepe
Thoughe sone repine
And determyne
Affrining it vnmete
That we lay men

Shulde

A commendacion

Shuld laboure our pen
Or scripture beholde
More then the clergie
Shulde vs specifyc
By Auctoritie toolde

Prouided in this
No man ther is
Beyng of leude lernyng
Shall interprise
In any wyle
Unto the expounding

Oh noble Henry
Of Kinges most worthye
Doubteles to be magnyfied
Goddes owne chosen knight
By whose deuine might
All thynges are rectified

Our faith stablyshe
Errors abolishid
The gospels set out at large
Nothing is hyd

Where

Of welshmen

Wher of is nede
Dure conscience to discharge

O blessed lord
To vs accorde
We humblye the desire
As in this case
Of speciall grace
Who euer will conspire

Agaynst oure king
In hindering
Of honor this his reame
Ther faulse intent
Lorde thou will pzeuent
Aduoyding the dangers cleane

Let not our enemyes
In any wyse
Agaynst vs lorde preuaile
Confule ther ire
Burnyng as fire
In ther malice let them quayle
Like as it was

When

A commendacion

**When Ezchias
With humble petition
Made his complaynt
Of verie constraynt
And hertie affection**

**To thy destie
That of thy pitie
Thou woldist thy powre extēd
A gainst the furies
Of his enimpes
His kingdome to defend**

**Lorde incontinent
Thy Angell thou sent e
His woos to redres
The Assirians playne
Laye ded and slayne
Throughe thy mightifulnes**

**So in like case
Of thy deuine grace
Preserue our famous king
Dure enpmies withstand**

And

Of welshmen
And saue this lande
Dure god euerlastyng

¶ Come furthe ye brutes
The seed the frutes
Of mightie Sirapys
In Egipte stalled
A god ther called
In the Citie Memphis

¶ Wher he is deified
Also stellified
After the pagan guyse
With his wyfe Isis
The mightye goddes
So callid in Likewise

Of whose successe
Came hercules
The famousse Champion
And so to conuay
Downe vnto Troy
With all ther succession
¶ Considre then

A commendacion

Ye gentle welshemen
How god for you hath wrought
Euen thesame tyme
That veray lyne
To youe agayne hath brought

For this is he
Whole maiestie
All thinges hath redressed
Assuredly
As the Propheci
Afore had expressed

Was ther euer king
So moche tendering
Youre welth to aduaunce
Or for your sake
Suche paynes did take
With so assured constaunce

Ye knowe pardie
As well as I
What he hath deuised
Onlie for youe

Sta

Of welshmen
Statutes made newe
And lawes wholly commysed

¶ To that intente
You shulde assent
To youre ciuilitie
One lawe one loue
One God aboue
And one princely magestie

¶ Your selues indeuore
Wholly to gether
With perfect assuraunce
With vs to praye
These wordes to saye
With inwarde assyaunce

¶ God most gloriouse
Lorde Christ Iesus
Our hope and oure assistance
Oure mediatoure
Oure gouernoure
And oure hertes confidence
Preserue oure kyng

his

A commendacion

His grace sending
Honor and victori
Good Lyfe and longe
Here vs amonge
With helthe of his body

And afterward
Yong Prince Edward
To supply his regalle place
With lyke wisdome
As had Salomon
In euery maner case

Most gracious lord
To vs accorde
Of thy bountyfull goodnes
Thy power extend
Oure prince defend
As thou'didest yong Joas

Whiche did inclyne
By grace diuine
To thy magnificence
In his peres grene

Of welshmen

As it was sene
By heuonly influence

Of very truethe
His tender youthe
The lawes to fortyfye
The house of Ball
With his ydolles all
Distroyed vtterly

His grauen pictures
His golden figures
Most curiously wroughte
Beaton to dust
His temple vniust
Prosterate doune he brought

And thus let our Prince
Utterly conuynce
All false Idolatrye
Thy lawes supporte
Our hertes to comfozte
Thy name to gloryfye .
Let not Babilon

h.i. Haue

Recommendacion

Haue dominion
Ouer vs for thy pitie
Defend vs lord god
Frome þe cruell rode
Of theiꝝ captiuitie

CLet our prince furnishe
And fully fynishe
What his father hath begonne
As was deuised
Somtyme comysed
To Salomon dauides sonne

And so at length
With bodely strength
Lorde þe wyll hym aduaunce
Hable to withstand
With myghtie hand
His enemies puissaunce

As had hercules
Of whose noblenes
Doubtles he is descendyd
As auctors olde

Of welshmen

By storpes tolde
Fainou.ely haue commendid

• Heare maye ye se
That welshmen be
Of right noble dyscent
It dothe appere
By stories clere
And mattier euident

• Who may compare
Or further declare
By any pꝛescription
Accompte the parentyne
Also the feiminyne
With ther procreacion

• To be more worthie
Being creatures earthlye
And of nature terrestriall
Seth Noe his flod
Alway ther blode
Hathe byne imperiall
• Here to digresse

Acōmendacion

I must confesse
Howe matter in substaunce
Whiche nowe I fynde
Long oute of mynde
For lacke of remembraunce

¶ Of noble Hercules
The sonne of Osires
Most myghtie champion
Whose incomperablenesse
Excellyth doubtles
All naturall reason

¶ Non maye be comparid
Nether yet declared
Unto thy excellence
Accompte stories all
None shalbe equall
With thy magnifycence

¶ This was that Hercules
That noble poetes
So highlye doth cominende
And not Hercules

Cal

Of welshmen
Called Alcides
Whiche the grekes do pretend

To be so mightie
Hauing victorie
In the truntes of Archadie
Sonne of Jupiter
His name to preferre
Bozne of faire Alannena

But Diodorus
Also Bizolus
The chaldie affirmeth playne
That this hercules
Named Alcides
Was the last of the twayne

But Hercules Aegyptius
Named Libicus
As saynt Jerome writeth
In the .x. of Genesis
Was sonne of Osiris
As he playnly affirmeth
Whiche did interprete

In

A commendacion
In most knightly wyse
The .xii. notable labours
Didorus Scelus
Also writyth thus
Whith other famous auctours

And That this hercules
By his noblenesse
In the woodes of Nenta
Slewe the great Lion
For lyke occasion
The serpent called Nidra

And Which lay of longe tyme
By force of raupne
In the fennes of Lerna
Also the bore
Deuouring the stoore
In the Land of Archadia

And By violent strength
Caught hym at length
In spite of Erimanthus
Upon his Holders square

He

Of welshmen

He did hym beare
To the kynge Euresthius

Like wise did preuayle
In strength of battayle
Agaynst a greate nombere
Called Centauries
Half men halfe horses
Which semyd to be a wonder

The fyfthe industry
By swiftnes of body
His person aduancynge
Caught the great harte
Whose hornes by arte
Were gylte for his runnyng

Also Simphalides
Brydes of cruell lyknes
Consumyd the frutes bare
Like fendes infernall
For a memoryall
He left not one to spare
The seventh wonder was
How

A commendacion

Howe he coulde bring to pas
The clansing of Angeus hall
So noble a riuier
For to deceue?
Whith Dingo poetes did cal

The eight was the bull
The see at the full
Oute of Crete into grece
Howe he shulde bring
By see swymyng
And yet deface no pece

Diomedes
All mercyles
His rigour to accomplyshe
His horses playne
He fedde certayne
Onlye with mannes fleshe

A Tyl Hercules
Toke Diomedes
His crueltie to abate
Made those horses greate
His

Of welshmen

His fleshe to eate
Regarding not his estate

Whiche he befoze
Had kept in store
Full wilde & monsterus
To his greate fame
He made the in tame
Gave them to Enristhens

Then into Spayne
He toke the payne
Gereon to subdewe
Of very dispite
Hym to acqute
His sonnes twaine ther he slew

After to hell
As poetes do tell
Downe he is discended
Where Theseus
And Pirithus
He shortly defendid
Them to discharge

Setting

A commendacion

Setting at large
Frome all daunger & payne
Brought Cerberg bounde
Whiche was the hell hounde
Lincked fast in a chayne

¶ The twelue & the last
Accompting them paste
Of this most princely man
When his noblenes
Frome Hesperides
The golden Apples wan

Slewe the dragon
Which did enuiron
The gardayne round aboute
Whose looke odible
Was so terrible
All men of him had doubte

¶ Thus in knightly wise
He did interpryse
To his Eternal fame
None so worthe

¶

Of welshmen

Of memorye

To haue prayse laude or name

Of this Hercules
In knightbo deperceles
With noble Galathee
The only doughter
Of greate Jupiter
Named also Selce

Came the famose blode
After Noe his flode
To the trepanes linage
Downe by descent
Princes excellent
With all ther parentage

Who was moze worthie
Stronger of bodye
Then was Ector of Troy
Yf Stories be trewe
A thousand he slewe
Of Grekes in one daye
Of this Hercules

Came

A commendacion
Came Olimpiades
The famous mightie quene
Mother to Alexander
The grete conquerour
In her tendre yeres grene

And Cesar Julius
Most victorius
His enymies to confounde
Came of Encas
Whiche so noble was
Among the Romaynes founde

Also Constantyne
Sonne of saynt Elene
Of the same succession
Borne in this lande
The holy crosse founde
By deuine inspiration

And This noble Emperour
Was hole gouernoure
Monarch and president
Of euery region

Through

Of welshmen

Throughout Cristendome
From the Est to the occident

Called by grace
To that highe place
By heuenly influence
Of hert most constaunt
Slewe the Tyraunt
Whiche named was Marence

A thousand mo
I coulde also
Werely and expyes
Of the same blod
Princes right good
Full of all noblenes

Bnt nowe a ende
I do intende
My leue of you to take
Desiring this
All thing ainy
To pardon for my sake
I must be breue

Leaft

Of welshmen
Least that reprene
Accuse me & my penne
And thus to you
I say a die we
Fare well ye gentel welshmen

FINIS.

The aucthoure.

Moste gen: Not bigilant
 the redez Or consonant
 This litell To other mens vtre:
 vulgre raunce

In my ful hūble wise I for to expies
 I you desire The worthines
 Hertely requyre Of so Auncient men
 That ye will not di: But that good wyll
 spise Moulth me still

I Aether yet disdain To occupie my pen,
 This litle pain
 Word of presumpciō I My englishe rude
 Lately set oute Of gratitude
 There is no doubte I trust ye will excise
 Equall of affeccion. And not disdayne
 My sentence playne

I Let your phātacie Or causles it refuse
 Judge me honestly
 As one vnreproued I The Mulsis nyne
 Chyncke not that I Did farre declyne
 Of flattery Wher I was nurric
 Herin shuld be mouid Ther dulcet welkied
 No tast nor smell

I Of conscience In me was rectified.
 No fayned sence
 Haue I here pcedid I Wherfore I must
 For nothyng told In Chaff and dust
 But aucthous olde Mi selfe labour & toy
 Before haue cōmēded Giue the þ price (le
 Whose sentēce wise

I I do confesse With tearmes can
 The rude grosnesse tricke and file
 Of my remēbraunce

Go harbertouse boke, Rusticall and rude
Full vnworthy thanks for to haue
Oneles of beeyng gratitude
Gente!l repoynt listithe the to saue.
Nether arte thou pure, sincer, or graue
Confesse thy faulte, Blushe out for shame
Thy wittes are pastthy, termes out offram.

MDXLVI.

Cum priuilegio ad impri-
mendum solum.

